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Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: Here's what happened to thousands of gallons of oil after York County salvage yard fire
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/03/heres-what-happened-to-thousands-of-gallons-of-oil-after-york-county-salvage-yard-fire.html>

Lancaster Online: No contamination from York County salvage fire found in Susquehanna, investigations underway: EPA
https://lancasteronline.com/search/?l=25&s=start_time&sd=desc&f=html&t=article%2Cvideo%2Cyoutube%2Ccollection&app=editorial&nsa=edition&q=J%26K

York Daily Record: J&K Salvage fire cleanup moves to next phase, investigations to follow
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/03/11/jk-salvage-fire-cleanup-continues-with-investigation-up-next/89097600007/>

ABC27: Cleanup continues after York County salvage yard fire
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/cleanup-continues-after-york-county-salvage-yard-fire/>

CBS21: Crews 'reaching turning point' in creek cleanup; haven't entered salvage yard building
<https://local21news.com/news/local/crews-reaching-turning-point-in-creek-cleanup-havent-entered-salvage-yard-building-jk-fire-pennsylvania-pa-codorus-susquehanna-environmental-protection-agency>

FOX43: Cleanup efforts for J&K Salvage fire have 'turned a corner,' officials say
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/york-county/cleanup-efforts-jk-salvage-fire-turned-a-corner-officials-say/521-fbfe2c62-1e9c-4f01-89ca-01e8359c2092?tbref=hp>

WGAL: From emergency response to recovery, an update from the large fire at J&K Salvage
<https://www.wgal.com/article/emergency-response-recovery-update-large-fire-jk-salvage/70716087>

WFMZ: ICE warehouse has years of unresolved construction problems, records show
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Air

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WPXI: Grave damage prevented after major gas leak at Mount Pleasant home improvement store, officials say

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Pocono Record: Pennsylvania state forests are under a burn ban. Why it's needed

<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/news/state/2026/03/10/pennsylvania-state-forests-annual-burn-ban-dcnr/89082526007/>

Climate Change

Fox29: How can it be 80 degrees one day and near freezing the next in Philadelphia?

<https://www.fox29.com/news/why-temps-change-fast-northeast-climate-weather>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: What you never learned about the birds and the bees

<https://www.post-gazette.com/ae/art-architecture/2026/03/12/hunt-institute-botanic-art-to-make-prairie-pittsburgh/stories/202603030084>

Pennlive: Conservation works for farms, but Congress must keep it going

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2026/03/conservation-works-for-farms-but-congress-must-keep-it-going-opinion.html>

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<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/03/11/pennsylvanias-wildlife-redemption-story-includes-elk-turkey-deer-beaver-quail-game-commission/89103378007/>

Republican Herald: Pottsville trail improvement project receives \$100K state grant

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/03/10/pottsville-trail-improvement-project-receives-100k-state-grant/>

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WBRE: Data centers, utility costs, and projected upgrades

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WNEP: Data center proposed in Monroe County

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/monroe-county/data-center-proposed-monroe-county-east-stroudsburg-route-209-smithfield-gateway-project/523-98a7f5f2-b9a7-438a-8bd3-b12b942f4774>

Daily Local: East Whiteland considers proposed data center changes

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/03/11/east-whiteland-considers-proposed-data-center-changes/>

Times Herald: Montgomery County data center summit postponed, DiBello says
<https://www.timesherald.com/2026/03/11/montgomery-county-data-center-summit-postponed-dibello-says/>

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TribLive: East Huntingdon, developer reach deal to end lawsuit challenging solar farm ordinance
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/east-huntingdon-developer-reach-deal-to-end-lawsuit-challenging-solar-farm-ordinance/>

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<https://www.cpbj.com/pennsylvania-expands-12-ev-charging-stations/>

Mining

WOLF: Amazing America: NEPA coal is still king and continues to power global industry
<https://fox56.com/news/local/amazing-america-the-history-uses-and-mining-of-anthracite>

Radiation Protection

AXIOS: Report: Westinghouse plan could power nuclear revival
<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2026/03/12/westinghouse-nuclear-reactors-us-power-jobs>

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Lebtown: Palmyra Borough rejects resolution encouraging limited water use
<https://lebtown.com/2026/03/12/palmyra-borough-rejects-resolution-encouraging-limited-water-use/>

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Butler Eagle: Hazmat agreements approved with neighboring counties

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<https://www.mcall.com/2026/03/12/developer-purchases-former-industrial-site-along-river-in-allentown-for-16-2-million/>

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<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/marpl Newtown/fuel-spill-near-wildlife-refuge-delco-contained-officials>

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<https://www.fox29.com/news/life-expectancy-philadelphia-is-below-average-report>